Sugarcain area in Tamil Nadu

2577. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the coverage of area under sugarcane in Tamil Nadu during the last there years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the yield per ton of sugarcane in Tamil Nadu is better than that in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab;

(d) if so, the comparative figures thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve the quality of sugracane so far as the yield is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The estimate of area under sugarcane in Tamil Nadu for the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 191.1,196.4 and 207.6 thousand hectares respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The yield estimates of sugarcane for the year 1987-88 in Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab was 105.1, 51.7, 38.0 and 55.0 tonnes per hectare respectively.

(e) The sugarcane producing States are being advised to adopt the strategy for increasing sugarcane production as follows:

(i) Production and distributios of quality seed cane.

(ii) Increasing irrigation facilities.

(iii) Judicious use of fertilizer application.

(iv) Better Management of ratoon.

(v) Larger coverage under plant protection.

(vi) Transfer of technology through various extension systems, including demonstrations with companion crops.

(vii) Training of sugarcane development personnel; and

(viii) Greater participation of sugar factories in cane development.

Production of oilseeds and groundnut in Tamil Nadu

2578. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in raising the production of oilseeds including groundnut in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the perspective plan drawn up for stepping it up further; and

(c) the target fixed for achievement during the Seventh Plan and how far it could be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Oilseeds production including groundnut, in Tamilnadu during the last three years had been as follows:—

(lakh tonnes)

Year	Production
1985-86 . . .	12.33
1986-87 . . .	11.38 (Drought year)
1987-88 . . .	13.24

(b) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds' Production Thrust Project (OPTP) which are in operation in Tamil Nadu for development of oilseeds, will continue during 1989-90. Under these schemes various incentives by way of financial assistance are provided for